

March 28, 2009
New York State Committee Meeting
Herkimer Fairgrounds

Chapters Represented: Adirondack Sams – Bruce Parent, Calico Sams – Linda Doud, Center State Sams – H.A. Crofoot, Crimson Circle – Barb Hoffer, Finger Lakes Sams – Roger F. Thornhill, Grape Stompers – Gerry Putney, Instigator Sams – Irene Sykes, Mohawk Majestics – Mike Spaziante, Seneca Sams – Bill Case, Sippin’ Sams – Tony Rozek, Southern Tier Good Sams – Lou Hoffer, Super Sams – Preston Van Patten, Tri-City Sams – Joe Sportello, and Weekend Wanderers – Rick Warfield.

Chapter Unrepresented: Iroquois Sams

Helen Jensen called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.
After we saluted the flag, Rich Ferolito gave the opening prayer.
Introductions and Roll Call was taken.

Tammy McDougal read the Secretary’s Minutes from the September 28, 2008 meeting.
Hank Crofoot made a motion to accept the minutes, Mike Spaziante seconded, passed by all.

Mary Jane Hale read the Treasurer’s Report. Bruce Parent made a motion to accept the report, Hank Crofoot seconded, passed by all.

Helen Jensen passed around a card for Arlene Nicoletti, who has been diagnosed with cancer.

Committee reports

- Rich and Carol Ferolito – no report at this time
- Bud Jensen - he asked each chapter if they needed a booth at the Samboree, all replied yes, except for Mohawk Majestics (no), Crimson Circle (undecided), Iroquois Sams (not present). Bud also reminded chapters to turn in their goody bag items.
- Glen and Linda Gasstrom – excused from the meeting
- Kathy Sannerud – no report
- George and Kathryn Whiting – Helen spoke to them recently and they say “See you in July!”
- Howard and Annette Mottorn- don’t forget: extra hoses and cables. Also, please remember not to put out your awnings until the rig is parked next to you
- Steve & Irene Sykes – The Sykes are new to the staff. Steve not present due to work. Irene says hello

Old Business

- State dues – Thank you for sending in your state dues

- Websites – Please email/mail Tammy information about your chapter for the State website.
- Crimson Circle Lifers will have a camp-out prior to the Samboree at Herkimer Fair Grounds. The camp-out will begin on the Tuesday, July 7, 2009. More info will be posted on the website as it is received.

New Business

- Reminder – An election for Treasurer will occur this year.
- It is time to start looking for a New Director to run for 2011-2012, Helen will not be running for a third term.
- Budget – as per the new Constitution and By-Laws, Helen created a '2009 Budget' which shows only the projected expenses. She reminds people that items such as AARP shows in the Budget because New York Good Sam (NYGS) collects the attendance fee from the attendees and then writes a check for the amount to the instructor. Also noted that NYGS only profits \$1.00 a night for each early bird rig. The past two years, Johnston RV Country has paid for the Saturday evening entertainment. Helen is trying to find a dealer who will work with us. A question was raised about mileage. National Good Sams pays Helen 51.5 cents per mile to attend State meetings. The State pays Helen's mileage to other state samborees (Helen admits that she does not charge the state fully for her mileage, that she willingly absorbs some of the cost). One chapter representative asked if the Budget could include a projected income.
- Samboree
 - The new Sambassadors (Bill & Esthermay Brooks) from Maryland will be at our Samboree this year.
 - The theme is CIRCUS
 - Will the ice cream be donated by Hood again? If not, will Hood sell the ice cream at cost? Do we have a freezer for the ice cream? It was decided to continue with the sale of ice cream despite these unanswered questions. Helen reminded the chapters that the out-of-state directors are available to help out especially with ice cream, they only need to be asked.
 - Members are encouraged to help staff clean-up after the Samboree. Thank you again to those who helped last year.
 - Ms. NY judges will be on the small stage facing the audience this year. Helen apologized that this was not done last year.
 - Hank has contacts for seminars. One cannot conduct a Tire Seminar at the Samboree due to a conflict but may be willing to conduct one in the future. Another is willing to conduct a Battery Seminar on Friday or Saturday. He will speak with Helen in more depth after the meeting.
 - Thurs. night entertainment – Helen will ask George Whiting if he will perform again.
 - Friday and Saturday night entertainment has been booked: Friday night will be Route 66 and Saturday will be Memory Music. Links to these bands are on the website.
 - After a discussion, it was decided not to have the Snack bar again.

- Golf tournament will be hosted by Center State Sams on Friday morning. Information will be posted as soon as it is in.
- Singles get together (a time set aside for single people to meet with other singles) – suggestions were requested for a title – Single Sams was one idea given.
- Duties of Chapters
 - Adirondack Sams – Frying Pan Toss, \$50 Hat, Pot of Gold
 - Calico Sams – Security
 - Center State Sams – Chariot Races, HELP with ice cream
 - Crimson Circle – Bingo
 - Finger Lakes Sams – Auction
 - Grape Stompers – Chicken Dinner, Children’s Activities
 - Instigator Sams – Bean Bag Baseball
 - Mohawk Majestics – Arts/Crafts/Book Sale, Crazy Golf
 - Seneca Sams – Help with Ice Cream?
 - Sippin Sams – Clown Races
 - Southern Tier Sams – Pancake Breakfast
 - Super Sams – Afternoon Snack Bar, Door Prizes
 - Tri-City Sams – Early Morning Coffee
 - Weekend Wanderers – All Day Hospitality, Golf Cart Rodeo
- Weekend Wanderers suggests that we do not offer coffee from 10-4 if the weather is warm, much coffee has been thrown down the drain in the past. Another suggestion is to offer Ice Tea or Lemonade during the afternoon hours when the snack bar is closed.
- Frying Pan Toss – the individuals who bring the pans are unable to attend the samboree this year. Hank Crofoot made a motion to investigate the price to have two pans made, and then email chapter representatives, and the reps will email back a vote to spend the funds to have the pans made. Bruce Parent seconded the motion, passed by all.
- Please remember that Chapters are responsible to donate two door prizes
- Finger Lakes Sams looking for donations for auction. Money goes to state charity not to the chapter.
- Encourage chapter members to bring food donations for the local food pantry or bring pet items for the local animal shelter.
- Kids will have their own pancake breakfast.
- First timers’ booth will operate the same as last two years - need a person from each chapter to man the booth for one hour. Chapter write ups (about 20 copies) will need to be given to the First Timer’s Booth at the Samboree – if you give a copy to Tammy, she’ll put the info up on the website.
- Please take some Samboree registration forms to places you visit. We need to increase registration at the Samboree.

Announcements

- Dogs for the Deaf - Seneca Sams are Top Dogs again. This is the 8th? time.
- Fall Meeting Campout will be September 25 – 27, 2009. Early bird parking will be \$17.00 and will begin on the 24th. The rate for the weekend has increased to \$50.00. Please remember the more people we can get to come, the more we can offer.
- Bring a non-member to the 2009 Samboree, get the non-member to join a chapter, and Helen will give them one year free membership to Good Sam Club. This is a \$12 value.
- Helen can sell Emergency Road Service for \$99 at any Good Sam function.
- As always, there will be a pot luck dinner on Wednesday prior to the Samboree.
- Ham Radio Club – Hank will speak to Helen after the meeting about asking them to attend.
- Tri-City and Southern Tier collects aluminum can tabs.
- There is a letter in your packets. This is the letter that we mailed to campgrounds last year asking them for a donation in lieu of advertisement space on our website. You are encouraged to send it to a campground near you with the exception of the list attached (Helen already sent a letter to them).

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Tammy McDougal, March 31, 2009

NEW YORK STATE ATTENDANCE

ADIRONDACK SAMS-

CALICO SAMS-

CENTER STATE SAMS-

CRIMSON CIRCLE-

FINGER LAKES SAMS-

GRAPE STOMPERS-

INSTIGATOR SAMS-

IROQUOIS SAMS-

MOHAWK MAJESTICS-

NEATAHWANTA SAMS-

SENECA SAMS-

SIPPIN SAMS-

SOUTHER TIER GOOD SAMS-

SUPER SAMS-

TRI-CITY SAMS-

WEEKEND WANDERS –

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